Maine Maritime Museum Library

243 Washington Street Bath, Maine 04530-1638 (207) 443-1316, ext. 328, 336



Inventory for Manuscript Collection MS-423

Dickinson Family Papers Inclusive dates 1854-1951 Bulk dates: 1882-1900

by Anastasia S. Weigle Edited by Nathan R. Lipfert

February 2009

Shelf feet: 6.25 Number of boxes: 18 Accession # 2006.087.01

A PART OF THE CAPTAIN W.J. LEWIS PARKER BEQUEST

COPYRIGHT RESTRICTION

The material described herein is the physical property of the Maine Maritime Museum Library. Literary rights, including copyright, belong to the authors or the various items, or to their legal representatives, or to Maine Maritime Museum. For further information, consult the library staff.

The copyright law of the United States (Title 17, United States Code) governs the making of photocopies or other reproductions of copyrighted materials.

Under certain conditions specified in the law, libraries and archives are authorized to furnish a photocopy or other reproduction. One of these specified conditions is that the photocopy or reproduction is not to be "used for any purpose other than private study, scholarship or research." If a user later uses a photocopy or reproduction for purposes in excess of "fair use," that user may be liable for copyright infringement.

This institution reserves the right to refuse to accept a copying order if fulfillment of the order is judged to be in violation of copyright law.

It is the user's responsibility to understand the copyright law concerning the use of the historical documents contained in this library.

COPYRIGHT © 2011 BY THE MAINE MARITIME MUSEUM

No part of this publication may be reproduced, stored in a retrieval system, or transmitted, in any form, or by any means, electronic, mechanical, photocopying, recording, or otherwise, without the prior permission of the Maine Maritime Museum Library.

ABSTRACT

Dickinson Family

Papers, 1854-1951 (bulk ca. 1882-1900)

18 boxes (6.25 shelf feet)

Prominent family in Phippsburg and Bath, Maine

Papers of the Dickinson Family. Majority of papers belong to Capt. Wylie Rogers Dickinson (b.1846-d.1918), Master of ships *Aryan*, *Rappahannock* II and *Yorktown*. These include both vessels and personal papers. Vessel papers are comprised of ownership documents, articles of agreement, insurance, correspondence, captain's logbooks, invoices and account summaries. Personal papers include correspondence between family and friends including his brother, Capt. John Wesley Dickinson (b.1850-d.1909). Also included in this collection are the personal papers of Emma S. Dickinson (b.1850-d.1926], wife of Capt. Dickinson, Bessie Emma (b.1874-d.1957) and Grace Percy (b.1877-d.1950), daughters of Capt. Dickinson. These papers are primarily personal correspondence between family and friends. Bessie's papers include a handwritten manuscript of her sea experiences as a young woman on the *Rappahannock* II.

Bequeathed by the estate of Capt. William J. L. Parker in 2006.

MS-423. Accession #2006.087.01

Finding aid available in repository; folder level control

Added entries—persons:

Dickinson, Wylie Rogers, Captain, 1846-1904

Dickinson, John Wesley, Captain 1850-1909

Dickinson, Emma S. [S. Emma], 1850-1926

Dickinson, Grace Percy, 1877-1950

Dickinson, Bessie Emma, 1874-1957

Minott, Charles V., 1826-1903

Minott, Charles V., Jr., 1867-1936

Sewall, Arthur, 1835-1900

Added entries—corporate bodies (including vessels)

Aryan (Ship)

Lady Dufferin (Bark)

Yorktown (Ship)

Rappahannock II (Ship)

Ridin' Light Lodge

Added entries—key terms:

Families at sea

Ship Captains

Shipping

Ships—Owners

Phippsburg (ME)

Bath (ME)

ACQUISITION

The Dickinson Family Papers were bequeathed to Maine Maritime Museum from the estate of Capt. William J. L. Parker in November and December 2006 and includes the personal papers of Captain Wylie R. Dickinson, his wife Emma S. and their two daughters, Bessie Emma and Grace Percy Dickinson.

PROVENANCE

Capt. Lew Parker communicated with Bessie Dickinson between 1954 and 1956 via personal correspondence. In a personal letter to Capt. Parker dated August 14, 1956 Bessie says, "I am sending the accounts you asked for, I presume these papers are what you wanted...we burned and thrown away so much, trying to get rid of the years accumulations." In her last letter to Capt. Parker dated September 1, 1956, she said, "I came across these papers and lest they get mislaid, I am forwarding them to you." (These letters are housed in MS-422 Capt. W. J. Lewis Parker Papers—Personal Correspondence.) I believe that during her last years, she loaned or gave Capt. Parker various papers belonging to her father. I believe her relationship as friend with Capt Parker made it possible for him to receive the remaining personal family papers after her death.

RESTRICTIONS

There are no restrictions on the study or use of these materials.

PHYSICAL CONDITION

The majority of Dickinson papers are folded and creased. Other than the expected dirt on such records, the collection was in fairly good condition. Many account summaries and letters had paper tears but these were easily repaired with document repair tape. Some letters were on thin tissue paper and the iron gall ink used to write on them burned through the paper in some spots. These should be handled with care. All pins, clasps and staples were removed and plastic paper clips were used instead.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

Capt. Wylie R. Dickinson (b1846-d1918). Wylie Rogers Dickinson was born in Birch Point, Wiscasset, Maine to John B. and Mary E. Rogers. When he was a few months old, his family moved to Bath and for a number of years they resided in what was known as the "William Rogers" house at the corner of Bath and High Streets. His father was a mill operator and for a time conducted the saw mill in North Bath with Hugh and Wylie Rogers and later moved his family to Phippsburg where he continued his lumbering operations in the mill at Dromore. Wylie Dickinson grew up in the town of Phippsburg with a desire to lead a seafaring life and in 1862, at the age of 17, he shipped on the bark Comet, built by Charles V. Minott, and named after the comet of 1858.

Dickinson's next vessel was the ship **Mary E. Riggs**, also built at the Minott yard and commanded by Capt. John S. Lowell of Bath. From there, he went on the bark **C. V. Minott** of which Capt. D. C. Rogers was the master. His first experience in a fore-and-aft rig was in the schooner **Sabino** which McCobb Morrison commanded. His next vessel was a Houghton ship commanded by Capt. Samuel Morrison. With Capt. Morrison's good will, Wylie Dickinson rose to the position of mate of the ship **Dirigo** and in 1870 became commander of this vessel. He then became master of the bark **C. S. Rogers**. This vessel sprung a leak off Nantucket and sunk, but all hands were taken off by the Nova Scotia bark **Protest**.

Captain Dickinson then took command of the new schooner **Bessie E. Dickinson** in 1874, named after his oldest daughter and in which he owned an interest. In 1877, he sold out of her to take command of the bark **Halcyon** built by Johnson Rideout. His next vessel was the ship **Yorktown**, taking command in 1882, relieving Captain James F. Murphy. He commanded this vessel for five years before taking on the Sewall ship **Willie Rosenfeld**. In 1888, he and the Sewalls bought the ship **McNear** at a low figure and after holding her about a year, disposed of her at San Francisco, realizing a good profit.

On returning to Bath, Capt. Wylie Dickinson was offered the command of any one of three Sewall ships but chose to wait until the **Rappahannock II**, then on the stocks, was commissioned. This was, at the time, the largest wooden vessel built in America. Unfortunately, she was destroyed by fire in 1892 under Wylie's command.

After the **Rappahannock II** incident, Captain Dickinson commanded for a short while the new Sewall schooner **Dicky Bird**. After that, he took command of the ship **Aryan** in 1893 and after some seven years he was succeeded by Capt. Albert T. Whittier.

Wylie married Emma S. [Sarah] Powers on April 1, 1871 and had two daughters. Bessie Emma Dickinson was born in 1874 and Grace Percy Dickinson was born 1877. Wylie R. Dickinson died at the age of 72 on Sept. 17, 1918 in Phippsburg, Maine.

Capt. John Wesley Dickinson (b1850-d1909). Capt John Wesley Dickinson, brother of Wylie, was born in Bath, December 30, 1850. His seafaring career started at the young age of 14 years, making his first voyage with Capt. John S. Lowell on the Phippsburg ship Mary E. Riggs. His first command was the bark C. S. Rogers in 1876. His other commands were the Alice M Minott and Berlin of the Minott Fleet, Wm. F. Babcock of the Sewall fleet and Arabia of the Houghton fleet and his last vessel was the Sewall ship Benj. F. Packard. For twelve years during his sea life, he was a shipmate with his brother, Capt. Wylie R. Dickinson.

John Wesley Dickinson married Margaret Jane Powers (sister of Emma S., Wylie Dickinson's wife) on Feb. 21, 1874 and had three children. Daughter Laura Wesley in 1875, sons John Wiley in 1882 and Vincent Colley in 1888.

Capt. John Dickinson retired from his seafaring days in 1894 and moved his family to California, where he purchased a fruit ranch in Aroma, California. He died on June 7, 1909 in Hanford, California at the age of 59. His wife, Margaret Jane, died October 1936 in Berkeley, California.

Emma S. Dickinson (b1850-d1926). Emma Sarah (Sarah Emma) Dickinson was born November 20, 1850 in Bath, Maine. The daughter of Sophia Percy and Andrew L. Powers, Emma married Capt. Wylie Rogers Dickinson in 1871. She often accompanied her husband on many long voyages to Europe and the Far East, but preferred the quiet of

her Phippsburg home. In 1920, Emma purchased the Fred H. Low home in Bath and lived there until her death on January 21, 1926.

Bessie Emma Dickinson (b1874-d1957). Bessie Dickinson was born in Phippsburg, Maine on Feb. 22, 1874. She loved the seafaring life and wrote many stories about her experiences on the **Aryan** and **Rappahannock** II. She lived for a short while in Hanford, California before returning to Bath where Bessie and Grace opened their home on 732 High Street to visitors. They established the "Ridin' Light Lodge" and accommodated many well-known visitors. The lodge operated between 1929/30 and 1950/51. After Grace died in 1950, Bessie closed the Lodge and soon after moved to the Mariner's Family Home in Staten Island, Long Island, New York. In 1957, at the age of 83, Bessie Emma Dickinson died and was buried in Oak Grove Cemetery, Bath.

Grace Percy Dickinson (b1877-d1950). Grace Percy Dickinson was born in Phippsburg, Me., March 14, 1877. She attended Bradford academy while the family was at sea. Later she finished her school education at Westbrook Seminary where she received a L.A. (Liberal Arts) degree. Following graduation, she began teaching school in the Percy district of Phippsburg in the old stone schoolhouse, under Superintendent J. W. Doughty. She also taught in the school at Dromore and later went to Brunswick where she was a teacher for several years.

Grace was a member of Winter Street Congregational church and for years was chairman of the Mother's Day Flower committee. She served as secretary of the first Woman's Republican club organized in Sagadahoc County. She was a member of Genesta chapter of the Eastern Star and secretary of the Dromore Burying Ground Association.

She and her sister, Bessie E. Dickinson, opened the first tourist home in Bath and were co-hostesses of Ridin' Light Lodge in Bath where they entertained many distinguished visitors representing the W. C. T. U. (Woman's Christian Temperance Union).

After a long illness, Grace Percy Dickinson died at the age of 73 on September 1, 1950.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTES

The contents of the Dickinson Family Papers were originally housed in Capt. Wylie's ditty box. Most of the vessel papers belonged to Capt. Wylie R. Dickinson when he was master of a number of vessels including the large ships **Aryan**, **Rappahannock** II and **Yorktown**. Vessel papers include ownership papers, insurance, registration, construction invoices, correspondence (mostly incoming), account summaries, labor and wage receipts and protest papers. Not all vessel papers are complete. There are vessel papers (dividend statements) of ships the family had an interest in. Other vessel papers have no reference to the Dickinson name, so it is difficult to determine if they had a vested interest or not.

Two small sewing kits were in Wylie's ditty box. One is a square tin and the other in a very small round wicker basket with lid. (Crewmen carried little sewing kits known as "housewives." These usually small tin cans or boxes contained needles, buttons,

threads, cloth and pins.) Wylie's sewing kits contained needles, pins, threads, buttons, hooks, nails, beeswax, and pieces of cloth.

Other papers found in the box were general and personal letters written by Wylie Dickinson, John Dickinson, wife Emma S. Dickinson and daughters Bessie Emma and Grace Percy Dickinson.

Research notes and articles on local history were also found in the ditty box belonging to Bessie Dickinson. It was a bit difficult to determine if some of these papers were hers or taken from articles as she did not sign any of her work. If the story was written in first person referring to her father, then I assumed these were written by Bessie. The date she wrote these is unknown. A large unpublished manuscript written in long hand by Bessie Dickinson was also found in the box. It details her sea experiences on the **Rappahannock** II during its trip around Cape Horn. She takes the liberty of using many of her father's diary entries to build her own story and even admits this in her foreword "our journals and ship papers have been saved, and many of these I have copied for this tale." There is also a typewritten copy but both are not complete, have missing pages and many extensive additions and editorial changes made by Bessie. Bessie sent a copy of her manuscript to Maine author, Hugh Pendexter for review and received a reply in 1938. This may help date the manuscript around the 1930s.

A large number of personal letters written to Grace and Bessie are from David S. Kindell, a past shipmate on the **Aryan** when both girls were on board during their youth. Mr. Kindell became close to the Dickinson Family. There are references to his experiences on the **Aryan** in these letters and other interesting maritime tidbits. Personal letters to Grace and Bessie from Abbie Minott give an interesting commentary on Bath social life.

It is important to note that this is not a comprehensive collection of the Dickinson Family. Papers. As noted previously in a letter written by Bessie to Capt. Parker in 1956, many papers were "burned or thrown away."

Related material available at repository:

- MS-18 Mark W. Hennessey Collection 1784-1953
- MS-22 Sewall Family Papers
- MS-53 Mark W. Hennessy Research Papers 1928-1965
- MS-90: Charles V. Minott Collection
- MS-157: Percy & Small Shipyard records (Cora F. Cressy)
- MS-422: Capt. William J. L. Parker Papers

ORGANIZATION OF SERIES MS-423 Dickinson Family Papers (1854-1951)

SERIES I. VESSEL PAPERS (1854-1950)

Subseries IA. Capt. Wylie R. Dickinson, Master 1873-1907

Subseries IB. Vessel Interests 1896-1950

Subseries IC. Other Vessels 1854-1909

SERIES II. FAMILY PAPERS

Subseries IIA. Capt. Wylie R. Dickinson 1872-1924 Subseries IIB. Emma S. Dickinson 1880-1906 Subseries IIC. Bassia Emma Dickinson 1800-1951

Subseries IIC. Bessie Emma Dickinson 1890-1951

Subseries IID. Grace Percy Dickinson 1890-1947

SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

SERIES I. Vessel Papers (Date range: 1854-1950 / 13 Boxes) This series is grouped into three subseries:

Series IA: Capt. Wylie R. Dickinson, Master. Wylie commanded several vessels from 1872-1900 including the **Aryan, Yorktown** and **Rappahannock** II, carrying cargo to Kobe, England and San Francisco. These papers belong to Capt Wylie R. Dickinson when he was master of the following vessels:

- Aryan (Ship)
- **Bessie E. Dickinson** (3M schooner)
- C. S. Rogers (Bark)
- **Dicky Bird** (*originally William C. French*) (3M schooner)
- Halcyon (Bark)
- McNear (Ship)
- Rappahannock II (Ship)
- Wm [William] F. Babcock (Ship)
- Willie Rosenfeld (Ship)
- Yorktown (Ship)

<u>Subseries IB Vessel Interests.</u> These are vessel papers the Dickinson family had interest in. Most of these papers are dividend statements and ownership (bills of sale) papers. The vessels listed in this subseries are:

- Ada F. Brown (4M schooner)
- Alex. Gibson (Ship)
- **Ben Hur** (2M schooner)
- Cora F. Cressy (5M schooner)
- Frances M. (4M schooner)
- Frank M. Deering (5M schooner) (formerly Jerome Jones)
- **Isabel B. Wiley** (3M schooner)
- **Jerome Jones** (5M schooner)
- Mary F. Barrett (5M schooner)
- Maude M. Morey (4M schooner)

<u>Subseries IC. Other vessels.</u> This subseries is papers of vessels in which we have no documentation of the Dickinson family having a direct interest. One "common denominator" is the name "Oliver Moulton, which appears on a number of these papers. I am speculating this is the same Oliver Moulton that owned a sawmill on the Togus

Stream in Kennebec between 1864 and 1874. I chose not to separate papers with Moulton's name from the others. Instead, I listed vessels in this series in alphabetical order and cross-referenced his name to those specific folders in Appendix C. The vessels listed in this subseries are:

- **Gardiner G. Deering** (5M schooner)
- **Horatio L. Baker** (3M schooner0
- Lady Dufferin (BNA Bark)
- Malcolm B. Seavy (4M schooner)

All other miscellaneous vessel papers go into this series. In particular, there are two bills for payment of hauling lumber. Payment is made to A. C. & C. Buffum. Charles Buffum, born in Palermo, Me., in 1820, came to Orono with his father in 1832 and for several years worked in the lumber mills. He was educated in the common schools of Orono, at China Academy, and at the Maine Wesleyan Seminary, at Kent's Hill. In May, 1844, he formed a partnership with his brother, Albert C., under the firm name of A. C. & C. Buffum, and went into trade in Orono, and in connection with this they became manufacturers of lumber, which continued until his brother's death, in 1855, when he succeeded to the whole business, which he continued until recently. The two bills are dated 1854.

NOTE: Organization of all vessel papers:

Vessel papers in Series I are organized as follows. Please note not every vessel has papers in each category, but the organization has been standardized to simplify access.

- Ownership. This includes dividend books, bills of sale, correspondence relating to dividend payments or ownership. You may also find information on the disposition of a vessel.
- Registration. (*Includes any vessel registrations or surveys*)
- <u>Insurance</u>. *Includes insurance policies during construction of vessel or delivery of cargo. This may also include any correspondences or insurance receipts.*
- Construction accounts.
 - a. Invoices, including any building account summaries
 - b. Labor (during construction or operation)
- Accounts.
 - a. Summaries
 - b. General accounts (by voyage and date)
 - c. Charter parties
 - d. Freight & Cargo
 - e. Crew (this may include wages, article of agreements, pay slips, portages, etc.)
 - f. List of stores
 - g. Slops
- <u>Protests</u>. This may include claims for lost goods, collisions, and/or damages. You may also find information on the disposition on a vessel.

- Ships Logs/Captain's Logs
- <u>Miscellaneous</u>. I placed here anything that does not quite fit into the above categories. This may be news clippings, obscure notes, ephemera, empty envelopes

SERIES II. Family Papers (Date range: 1872-1951 / 5 boxes) This series contains all the personal papers of the Dickinson Family and was grouped into four subseries. Family papers are organized in a hierarchical order with Wylie first as head of household, Emma, his wife, is second, Bessie next and Grace last as she was the youngest.

<u>Subseries IIA. Capt. Wylie R. Dickinson.</u> Wylie's papers includes family letters, business related letters, insurance papers for personal property, personal bills and receipts, examination papers for License Master of Ocean Passenger Steamships, booklets, souvenir and ephemeral items. There are also two small sewing kits.

<u>Subseries IIB. Emma S. Dickinson.</u> Although Emma and the girls took trips with Wylie on the **Aryan** and **Rappahannock** II, she stayed home when the girls were quite young and attended to domestic matters. She was not of good health and was susceptible to migraines. Her letters are from her husband while out at sea or the girls when they were attending boarding school. There are also letters from her sister Margaret Jane. There are a few miscellaneous papers—mostly ephemeral.

Subseries IIC. Bessie Emma Dickinson. Bessie's papers include family correspondence, business related letters, a few photographs and ephemeral papers. There are letters to Bessie from David S. Kindell, who was a shipmate on the Aryan when Bessie and Grace were aboard. There are a few papers pertaining to their lodge establishment called "Ridin' Light Lodge" on High Street in Bath. The Bath Directory lists the Ridin' Light Lodge being in business between 1929/30 and 1951/52. You will also find Bessie's research notes and a number of papers she wrote on local history including maritime history. An unpublished manuscript written by Bessie detailing her sea experiences on the Rappahannock II is also in this subseries. I placed all other papers that did not seem to fit in any category under miscellaneous.

<u>Subseries IID. Grace Percy Dickinson.</u> Grace's papers are mostly personal letters between family and friends. Most letters are from David S. Kindell who was a seaman on the **Aryan** when Grace and Bessie were aboard. He became a good friend of the family and there are interesting stories and references about the **Aryan** in his letters to Grace.

SERIES I. VESSEL PAPERS Subseries IA. Capt. Wylie R. Dickinson, Master, 1873-1907

Aryan (Ship)

BOX# FOLDER#

1	1	Ownership, 1894, 1899, 1903-07
	2	Registrations, 1893
	3	Insurance, 1897-1905
	4	Construction accounts, Labor—Repairs 1894-95
	5	Correspondence—Incoming, General, n.d., 1893
	6	1894
	7	1895-96
	8	1898-99
	9	1900-06
		Correspondence—Outgoing, General
	10	1895-1904
		Correspondence—Incoming, Charles V. Minott
	11	1893-95
	12	1898-1900
		Correspondence—Outgoing, Charles V. Minott
	13	1890-99
	14	1893-95
		Correspondence—Incoming, Charles V. Minott, Jr.
	15	1893-95
	16	1896-99
		Correspondence—Outgoing, Charles V. Minott, Jr.
	17	1895, 1905
2	1	Account Summaries—General, 1895-1900
	2	Capt. Wylie R. Dickinson, 1893-1900, 1904
	2 3	Charles V. Minott, Jr., 1903-07
	4	John Rosenfeld's & Sons, 1896-1901
	5	General, Bath, May 1893
	6	San Francisco, Feb.—Apr. 1894
	7	Baltimore, Sept. 1894
	8	New York, SeptOct. 1894
	9	San Francisco, FebMar. 1895
	10	New York, Nov. 1895
	11	San Francisco, May 1896
	12	San Francisco, May-June 1898
	13	Honolulu, July 1898
	14	Bath, May 1899
	15	New York, May 1899
	16	San Francisco, July—Sept. 1899

Box# Folder#

Aryan (Ship) continue...

2	17 18	Seattle, Sept. 1899
	19	San Francisco, Aug. 1899 San Francisco, Oct. 1899
	20	
	20	San Francisco, Sept.—Dec. 1900 (Capt. A. J. Whittier)
	22	San Francisco, Sept.—Jan. 1901 (Capt. A. J. Whittier)
	23	New York, May-June 1901
	23 24	Baltimore, Jun-July 1901 Hoboken, Nov. 1904
	25	No date or unclear
3	1	
3		Charter Party, 1898
	2 3	Freight & Cargo, 1893, 1898
	3	Portage Accounts, 1895-96
	4	Crew—
	4 5	Articles of Agreement, 1893, 1901, 1904
		Accounts & Wages, 1893-98, 1900
	6	List of Stores on Board, 1895-96, 1900-01
	7	Slops, 1893, 1895-96
	8	Protests, 1894 (damaged), 1898 (receipt)
	9	Captain's Diary, 1893, Baltimore to San Francisco
	10	Miscellaneous
		Bessie E. Dickinson (3M schooner)
4	1	Ownership, 1875
	2	Insurance, 1874-78
	3	Construction Accounts, 1876
	4	Correspondence—Incoming, General, 1874-77
	5	Correspondence—Outgoing, General, 1876
	6	Accounts, Summaries—Wylie R. Dickinson, 1878
	7	Accounts, Summaries—James B. Drake, 1883
	8	General, Bath, Aug. 1875 & Oct. 1875
	9	Crew—General Release, 1876
	10	List of Stores on Board, no date

C. S. Rogers (Bark)

11 Correspondence, General, 1873

Box# Folder#

		Dicky Bird (3M schooner) (orig. William C. French —named changed after purchase by Sewall in 1899)
4	12	Ownership, 1892
	13	Insurance, 1893
	14	Construction accounts—Labor, 1899
	15	Correspondence—Incoming, General, 1889, 1893-94
	16	Correspondence—Incoming, Capt. John W. Dickinson, 1893-96
		Accounts, Summaries
	17	Capt. Wylie R. Dickinson, 1889, 1893
	18	Capt. John W. Dickinson, 1893-94
	19	General, 1889 (as William C. French)
	20	Bath, March 1893
	21	Charleston, April 1893
	22	Bath, May 1893
	23	No date or unclear
	24	Protest, 1899—Testimony—Wrecked vessel
	25	Miscellaneous
		Halcyon (Bark)
5	1	Construction Accounts, 1879
	2	Correspondence—General 1879-82
		Accounts, Summaries
	3	Capt. Wylie R. Dickinson, 1879-82
	4	General, Dublin, IRE, Jan. 1879
	5	Port Royal, Nov. 1881
	6	Charter Party, 1878-81
	7	Crew, Accounts & Wages, 1879-85
	8	Crew, Articles of Agreement, 1881
	9	Protest, 1880
	10	Miscellaneous
		McNear (Ship)
6	1	Ownership, 1888
	2	Construction Accounts, [n.d.]
	3	Correspondence—Incoming, General 1888
	4	Correspondence—Incoming, Arthur Sewall & Co., 1888-89
	5	Correspondence—Outgoing, Arthur Sewall & Co., 1888-89
	6	Accounts, Summaries—General, 1888-89
	7	Capt. Wylie R. Dickinson, n.d., 1888-89
	8	General, New York, April 1888

BOX# FOLDER#

McNear (Ship) continued...

6	9	Baltimore, April 1888
	10	Rio de Janeiro, July-Aug. 1888
	11	San Francisco, NovDec. 1888
	12	Port Townsend, Dec. 1888-Jan. 1889
	13	Nanaimo, BC, Dec. 1888-Jan. 1889
	14	San Francisco, FebMar. 1889
	15	No date or unclear
	16	Crew, Accounts & Wages, 1888
	17	Slops, 1888
	18	Protest—Legal problems with seamen, 1888
	19	Miscellaneous
		Rappahannock II (Ship)
7	1	Construction, Accounts, 1890
	2	Construction, Labor—Maintenance & Repairs, 1891
	3	Correspondence, General, 1890-92
		Correspondence
	4	Incoming, Arthur A. Sewall & Co., 1890-92
	5	Outgoing, Arthur A. Sewall & Co., 1890-92
	6	Accounts, Summaries—General, 1890-91
	7	Capt. Wylie R. Dickinson, 1890-91
	8	Arthur Sewall & Co., 1891-92
	9	General, Bath, Feb. 1890
	10	Philadelphia, Mar. 1890
	11	Osaka/Hiogo, SeptNov. 1890
	12	San Francisco, JanFeb. 1891
	13	Liverpool, June-July 1891
	14	Chile, Dec. 1891
	15	Charter Party, 1890
	16	Crew, Accounts & Wages, 1891
	17	List of Stores of Board, 1890
	18	Slops, 1891
	19	Captain's Log, 1891
	20	Protest, 1890, Loss of Cargo
	21	Protest, 1891, Collision on the River Mersey, Liverpool with steamship Mulligan
	22	Protest, 1891, dispute against Wylie R. Dickinson by seaman.
	23	Protest, 1891, Loss of vessel to fire.
	24	Miscellaneous

BOX# FOLDER#

		Wm. [William] F. Babcock (Ship)
7	25	Accounts, General—Baltimore, Aug. 1889
		Willie Rosenfeld (Ship)
	26	Correspondences Incoming, Arthur Sewall & Co., 1887-88
	20	Accounts
	27	General, Liverpool, Aug. 1887
	28	Charter Party, 1887
	29	Freight & Cargo, 1887
	30	Captain's Log, Diary, 1887
		Yorktown (Ship)
8	1	Ownership, 1886
		Construction, Accounts
	2	Labor, Maintenance & Repairs, 1881, '84, '87
	2 3	Correspondence—Incoming, General, 1883
	4	1884
	5	1885
	6	1886
	7	1887
	8	Correspondence—Outgoing, General, 1884
		Correspondences—James M. Hagar
	9	Incoming, 1882-83
	10	1884-85
	11	Incoming, 1886-87
	12	Outgoing, 1882-87
		Accounts, Summaries—General
9	1	1882-84, 1886
	2	Capt. Wylie R. Dickinson, n.d., 1882-85
	2 3 4	1885-86
	4	1887
	5	J. F. Chapman & Co., 1885-86
	6	J. W. Grace & Co., 1884
	7	James W. Elwell & Co., 1882-85
	8	General, Liverpool, Oct. 1880 (Capt. J. F. Murphy)
	9	Boston, Mar. 1882
	10	San Francisco, SeptOct. 1882
	11	San Francisco, Nov. 1882
	12	Liverpool, Apr. 1883

BOX# FOLDER#

Yorktown (Ship) continued...

9	13	Baltimore, May-June 1883
	14	San Francisco, Nov. 1883—Feb. 1884
	15	New York, Jan. 1884
	16	New York, March 1884
	17	San Francisco, March 1884
	18	Antwerp, July—Sept. 1884
	19	New Jersey, Nov. 1884
	20	New York, NovDec. 1884
	21	New Jersey, Dec. 1884
	22	San Francisco, May-July 1885
	23	Tacoma [Washington Territories], Aug.—Oct. 1885
		(includes. Port Townsend)
	24	San Francisco, OctNov. 1885
	25	Seattle [Washington Territories], Dec. 1885—Jan. 1886
		(includes Port Townsend & Port Gamble)
	26	Civitavecchio, ITA, Sept.—Nov. 1886
	27	Boston, FebMar. 1887
	28	No date or unclear
	29	Charter Party, 1882-86
	30	Freight & Cargo, 1886
		Crew
	31	List, 1882-83
10	1	Articles of Agreement, 1883-84
	2	1885
	3	Portage Bill, 1884-86
	4	Crew, Accounts & Wages, n.d., 1883-87
	5	List of Stores on Board, 1884, 1887
	6	Slops, 1884-85
	7	Protest, 1885, Dispute with crew
	8	Protest, 1895, James M. Hagar vs. W. R. Dickinson
	9	Miscellaneous

Subseries IB. Vessel Interests, 1896-1950

Ada F. Brown (4M schooner)

11 1 Ownership, 1902 2 Insurance, 1905-06, 1912 3 Accounts, Summaries—Charles V. Minott, Jr., 1903-10

BOX# FOLDER#

11	4 5 6 7 8	Alex Gibson (Ship) Correspondence, General, 1899-1900 Correspondence, Edward E. O'Brien Incoming, 1899 Outgoing, 1899 Accounts, Summaries—[1899] General, Brooklyn, May 1899
		Ben Hur (2M schooner)
	9	Accounts, Summaries—Capt. Wylie R. Dickinson, [1902)
		Cora F. Cressy (5M schooner)
	10 11 12 13	Ownership, 1902, 1922 Accounts, Summaries—Percy & Small, 1902-6 1906-09 1910-17
		Frances M. (4M schooner)
11	14 15 16 17 18 19	Ownership, 1896 Insurance, 1898-1907 Correspondences, General, 1900, 1902 Accounts, Summaries—Charles V. Minott, Jr., 1905-08 1908-17 Protest, 1898, Damages caused by fire
		Frank M. Deering (5M schooner) (formerly Jerome Jones)
	20 21	Ownership, 1920 Accounts, Summaries—1918-24
		Isabel B. Wiley (3M schooner)
12	1 2	Ownership, 1916 Accounts, Summaries—Statements, 1916

BOX# FOLDER#

7

Ownership, 1888

DUX#	FULD	EK#
		Jerome Jones (5M schooner)
12	3	Insurance, 1916
12	4	Accounts, Summaries—1916-18
	-	1,200 out.
		Mary F. Barrett (5M schooner)
	5	Ownership, 1902
	6	Accounts, Summaries—1902
	7	1903
	8	1904-05
	9	1906-08
	10	1909-23
	11	Miscellaneous, 1950
		Maude M. Morey (4M schooner)
	12	Ownership, 1920
	13	Correspondences, 1917, 1919
	14	Accounts, Summaries—1917-25
	15	Protest, 1926, against Pease Co. of FL for refusal to load vessel under charter
	16	Protest, 1929-30, Collision with steamer Westport
<u>Subse</u>	ries IC.	Other Vessels, 1854-1909
		Gardiner G. Deering (5M schooner)
13	1	Construction Summary, Building Account—[1884]
15	2	Accounts, Summaries—1884
	-	
		Horatio L. Baker (3M schooner)
	3	Accounts, Summaries—1895-98
	4	1899-1902
	5	1903-1905
	6	1906-09
		Lady Dufferin (BNA Bark)

Box# Folder# Malcolm B. Seavy (4M schooner) 13 8 Accounts, Summaries—1901-03 9 1904-1909 Miscellaneous vessel papers 10 Captain's Log, n.d. 11 Bills, receipts, invoices—n.d., 1854

SERIES II. FAMILY PAPERS <u>Subseries IIA. Capt. Wylie R. Dickinson</u>, 1872-1924

Box# Folder#

14	1	Correspondences—Vessel Related, 1873-1918
	2	Correspondences—General, 1895, 1906-18
		Correspondences—Personal and Family
	3	1895-1916
	4	Capt. Henry W. Butler to Capt. Wylie R. Dickinson, 1905-09
	5	Emma S. [S. Emma] Dickinson, n.d., 1885-86, 1896
	6	Bessie Emma Dickinson, 1886-96, 1904
	7	Grace Percy Dickinson, 1886-96, 1910
	8	Capt John W. Dickinson, 1882-96, 1907, 1910
	9	Augusta Dickinson, n.d., 1917
	10	Other relatives, 1882-1918
	11	Examination for License—Master of Ocean Passenger Steamships, 1902, 1904
	12	Insurance Policy —Cottage at Sebasco Harbor Phippsburg, 1902
	13	Personal bills, invoices, receipts—1871, 1884-1911, 1917
		Miscellaneous
	14	Souvenir embossed photograph, "Mission at San Gabriel," Calif., n.d.
		(includes dried flowers wrapped in paper)
	15	Booklet "List of Deaths in Clinton, Conn., January 1, 1809-Jan. 1, 187[2]"
	16	Other papers, n.d., 1877-1924
15	Item 1	Sea Captain's sewing kit in tin
	Item 2	2 Sea Captain's sewing kit in wicker box

Subseries IIB. Emma S. [S. Emma] Dickinson, 1880-1906

16	1	Correspondences—Personal and Family, n.d., 1880-1906
	2	Bessie Emma Dickinson, 1886
	3	Grace Percy Dickinson, n.d., 1896
	4	Wylie R. Dickinson, 1906
	5	Miscellaneous papers

Subseries IIC. Bessie Emma Dickinson, 1890-1951

	Correspondences—General
6	Outgoing, 1895-1947
7	Incoming, 1906, 1917-1951
8	Correspondences—Personal and Family, 1890-1949
9	Capt. Wylie R. Dickinson, 1898
10	David S. Kindell, 1898-1900, 1905

BOX# FOLDER#

dubblied IIC. Dessie Billing Dicklison commune.	Subseries IIC.	Bessie	Emma I	Dickinson	continued.
---	----------------	--------	--------	-----------	------------

16	11	Ridin' Light Lodge, 1938-40, 1948-49
		Research Notes (circa 1950s)
	12	Bowker Schooners
	13	Capt. John W. Dickinson
	14	Diary of Capt. Wiley R. Dickinson, "Rounding the Horn"
	15	History of Phippsburg
	16	Kindall, David S., "A Tornado in the North Pacific." 1891
	17	Various articles taken from Bath newspapers (transcribed by Bessie)
		Papers by Bessie E. Dickinson, n.d.
	18	The Aryan
	19	"An Auto Ride Through Phippsburg"
	20	"Lee's Island"
	21	"Life of a Sailor"
	22	The Rappahannock
		Unpublished Manuscript written by Bessie E. Dickinson [sea experiences on the
		Rappahannock II]
17	1	Handwritten with extensive editorial changes, n.d
	2	Typewritten with additional editorial changes, n.d. Includes a letter from
		Maine author, Hugh Pendexter, 1938.
		Photographs
	3	Photo (2) postcards of and Phippsburg and Whitefield, Me., n.d.
	4	Photograph of unidentified man, n.d.
	5	Photograph of Dickinson home, n.d.
	6	Photograph of Bessie's Friend, (A. J. B. A Jewish Bum), 1918
	7	Photographs (3) of Dickinson family and homestead, 1918
	8	Bessie E. Dickinson (3M schooner), photograph and negative of a
		painting, and photograph of painting, unidentified brig, 1939 copy print,
		[Vesta? Passing into Shanghai, 1879?]
	9	Miscellaneous papers

Subseries IID. Grace Percy Dickinson, 1890-1947

18	1	Correspondences—Personal and Family, 1890-1937
	2	Bessie Emma Dickinson, 1897
	3	David S. Kindell, 1896
	4	1897
	5	1898-99

APPENDIX A

DESCENDANT REGISTER, GENERATION NO. 1

- 1. **John Bailey Dickinson** was born 15 Feb 1813 in Wiscasset, Lincoln, Maine, and died 8 May 1868 in Phippsburg, Sagadahoc, Maine. He was buried in Dromore Burying Grounds, Phippsburg, Sagadahoc, Maine.
 - 1st He married **Mary Elizabeth Rogers** 2 Feb 1837 in Phippsburg, Sagadahoc, Me, daughter of Samuel Hallowell Rogers and Martha Wylie. She was born 27 Mar 1816 in Phippsburg, Lincoln, Maine, and died 22 Feb 1854.
 - 2nd He married **Sarah A. Thomas** 6 Oct 1856. She was born 25 Jun 1834 in Westport, Lincoln, Me.

Children of **John Bailey Dickinson** and Mary Elizabeth Rogers

- 2 i. Hallowell R. Dickinson was born 5 Nov 1837 in Phippsburg, Lincoln, + Maine. +3 ii. Albion Phineas Dickinson was born 4 Oct 1839 in Phippsburg, Lincoln, Maine, and died 20 Jan 1911 in Phippsburg, Sagadahoc, Maine. 4 iii. Wiley Rogers Dickinson was born 25 Feb 1842 in Phippsburg, Lincoln, Maine, and died 12 Sep 1843 in Phippsburg, Lincoln, Maine. 5 iv. John Henry Dickinson was born Mar 1843 in Phippsburg, Lincoln, Maine, and died 3 Sep 1847 in Phippsburg, Lincoln, Maine. +6 V. **Augusta Dickinson** was born 17 May 1844 in Phippsburg, Lincoln, Maine.
- + 7 vi. **Wiley Rogers Dickinson** was born 20 Jul 1846 in Phippsburg, Lincoln, Maine, and died 17 Sep 1918 in Phippsburg, Sagadahoc, Maine.
 - 8 vii. **Harriet Ann Dickinson** was born 30 Sep 1848 in Phippsburg, Lincoln, Maine, and died 15 Sep 1849 in Phippsburg, Lincoln, Maine.
- + 9 viii. **John Wesley Dickinson** was born 29 Dec 1849 in Phippsburg, Lincoln, Maine, and died 5 Jun 1909 in Phippsburg, Sagadahoc, Maine.
 - ix. **Mary Emma Dickinson** was born 27 Oct 1852 in Phippsburg, Lincoln, Maine, and died 19 Mar 1853 in Phippsburg, Lincoln, Maine.

DESCENDANT REGISTER, GENERATION NO. 2

2. + <u>Hallowell R. Dickinson</u> (John Bailey Dickinson1) was born 5 Nov 1837 in Phippsburg, Lincoln, Maine. He married Julia Walpole Buckley 1861 in Washington D. C.. She was born in Virginia.

Children of Hallowell R. Dickinson and Julia Walpole Buckley

- 11 i. **John B. Dickinson** was born Dec 1866 in Phippsburg, Sagadahoc, Maine, and died 2 Mar 1870 in Phippsburg, Sagadahoc, Maine.
- 12 ii. **Kate L. Dickinson** was born May 1869. She married Robert Lee Parker 1890 in Portsmouth, Va.
- iii. Joh**n Hallowell Dickinson** was born 30 Aug 1870. He married Clara A. Williamson in Camden, NJ. She was born in Philadelphia, Pa.
- iv. **Julia E. Dickinson** was born 23 Aug 1873. She married Frank L. Johnson 1894 in Portsmouth, Va.
- 15 v. **Hallie Rogers Dickinson** was born 1874.
- vi. **Mary Eugenia Dickinson** was born 1876. She married Arthur Topping 1897 in Portsmouth, Va.
- vii. **Frank Herman Dickinson** was born 1879, and died 1880.
- 3. + Albion Phineas Dickinson (John Bailey Dickinson1) was born 4 Oct 1839 in Phippsburg, Lincoln, Maine, and died 20 Jan 1911 in Phippsburg, Sagadahoc, Maine. He married Eliza Jane Black 8 Dec 1862 in Phippsburg, Sagadahoc, Maine, daughter of Thomas Black and Sarah. She was born 11 Jun 1840 in Phippsburg, Lincoln, Maine.

Children of Albion Phineas Dickinson and Eliza Jane Black

- i. **Albion Phineas Dickinson** was born 1 Oct 1863.
- 19 ii. **Thomas Black Dickinson** was born 20 May 1865, and died 3 Apr 1867.
- 6. + <u>Augusta Dickinson</u> (John Bailey Dickinson1) was born 17 May 1844 in Phippsburg, Lincoln, Maine. She married John Black 7 Oct 1868 in Phippsburg, Sagadahoc, Maine, son of Thomas Black and Sarah. He was born 20 Aug 1836 in Phippsburg, Lincoln, Maine, and died 8 Sep 1890.

Children of **Augusta Dickinson** and John Black

- i. Frank Percy Black was born 15 Sep 1869 in Phippsburg, Sagadahoc, Me, and died 20 Aug 1874 in Phippsburg, Sagadahoc, Me.
- 21 ii. Minnie Augusta Black was born 18 Sep 1873 in Phippsburg, Sagadahoc, Me. She married Leon W. Berry 6 Oct 1897 in Phippsburg, Sagadahoc, Me, son of George L. Berry and Ellen A. Crosby. He was born 1 Dec 1876.

7. + Wiley Rogers Dickinson (John Bailey Dickinson1) was born 20 Jul 1846 in Phippsburg, Lincoln, Maine, and died 17 Sep 1918 in Phippsburg, Sagadahoc, Maine. He married Emma Sarah Powers 1 Apr 1871 in Phippsburg, Sagadahoc, Maine. She was born 20 Nov 1850, and died 1926 in Bath, Sagadahoc, Maine.

Children of Wiley Rogers Dickinson and Emma Sarah Powers

- i. **Bessie Emma Dickinson** was born 22 Feb 1874, died 8 Aug 1957
- 23 ii. **Grace Percy Dickinson** was born 14 Mar 1877, died 1 Sept. 1850
- 9. **+ John Wesley Dickinson** (John Bailey Dickinson) was born 29 Dec 1849 in Phippsburg, Lincoln, Maine, and died 5 Jun 1909 in Phippsburg, Sagadahoc, Maine. He was buried in Dromore Burying Grounds, Phippsburg, Sagadahoc, Maine. He married Jennie Margaret Powers 21 Feb 1874. She was born 22 Feb 1855.

Children of **John Wesley Dickinson** and Jennie Margaret Powers

- i. **Laura Westley Dickinson** was born 7 Sep 1875. She married Arthur E. Blakely. He was born in of Southern California.
- 25 ii. **John Wiley Dickinson** was born 5 May 1882 in Phippsburg, Sagadahoc, Me, and died 30 Aug 1882 in Phippsburg, Sagadahoc, Me.
- 26 iii. **Vincent Colley Dickinson** was born 12 Aug 1888 in Phippsburg, Sagadahoc, Me.

APPENDIX B Cross-Reference Index

Vessel Names

VESSEL NAME	BOX/FOLDER NUMBERS
Abbie Bowker	1/15; 16/12
Ada F. Brown	1/1
[Adolph] Obrig	14/1
Alex. Gibson	1/10
Alice M. Minott	8/7
Allen	14/1
Annie C. Cook	4/11
Arabia	1/6
Arthur Sewall	14/1
Belvedeer?	8/7?
Ben Hur	1/15-16
[Benj. F.] Packard	1/9
Berlin	8/7
Bessie E. Dickinson	17/8
Chrysomene	7/5
Clarence S. Bement	8/7
Commodore T. H. Allen	1/9
Daniel I. Tenney	14/1
Dicky Bird	1/6, 6/6, 14/1
Dunboyne	7/5
E. B. Sutton	1/6
E. C. CLark	12/9
E. F Sawyer	8/7
Ellen Goodspeed	8/7
Eva. H. Fisk	14/1
F. F. Oakes	1/17
Frances M.	1/1, 1/12, 1/15, 11/1
Frederick Billings	14/1
G. J. Cherry	14/1
George H. Bent	4/5
George J. Manson	8/7
George Stetson	8/7
Georgie	1/9

APPENDIX B Continued

·	NDIX B Continued
VESSEL NAME	BOX/FOLDER NUMBERS
Cladiatan (Tura)	F/O
Gladisfen (Tug)	5/2
Glendon	8/7
Governor Robie	8/7
H. H. Chamberlain	1/15, 1/16
Hecla	1/6
Helen Brewer	14/1
Herman Lee	11/8
I. F. Chapman	8/7
Isaac Reed	14/1
J. B. Walker	11/4
James Drummond	1/15; 3/10
John McDonald	8/7; 14/1
John W. Marr	1/6
Julia	4/22
Kate Mitchell	4/22
Kates Jones (Tug)?	1/15?
L. Scheff	8/7
Lady Dufferin	13/7
Lewis Walsh	6/4
Llewellyn J. Morse	8/7
Lottie G. Merchant	12/10
Maren Lee (Tug)	11/8
Maria Luigia (Italian Barque)	8/7
May Morn	5/9
Merom	1/1; 1/12; 1/14; 1/15
Montrose W. Houck	14/1
Mulligan (steamship)	7/21
Navesink (Barge)	1/15
Normandy	8/8, 8/9
Pactolus	14/1
Palmyra	8/7
Queenstown	8/7
R. D. Rice	8/7
Rappanhannock II	16/16
Roanoke	1/15; 14/16; 19/21
Robert Dixon	8/6
Shenandoah	7/4; 14/1
Soletare [Solitaire]	8/7
Standard	3/10
Standard State of Maine	
State of Maine	8/9

APPENDIX B continued

VESSEL NAME	BOX/FOLDER NUMBERS
Susquehanna	1/15
Tam O'Shanter	6/4
Thomas M. Reed	8/7
Wellington	7/5
Westport (steamer)	12/16
Willie Rosenfeld	6/6; 8/7
William C. French	4/18
Wm. F. Babcock	6/6
Yorktown	5/7

APPENDIX C

Cross-Reference Index Captains' Names

NAME	BOX/FOLDER NUMBERS
Baster, Capt.	8/7
Blair, Capt.	1/9
Boyd, Capt.	8/7
Butler, Capt Henry W.	14/4
Chapman, Capt.	8/7
Colby, Capt.	11/5
Collins, Capt.	8/4
Delap, Capt. Albert	8/8
Dickinson, Capt. John W.	1/1; 4/15; 4/17
Dickinson, Hallowell	14/13
Dunphy, Capt.	7/24
Fossett, Capt.	1/15
Higgins, Capt. William T.	14/2
Hodgeman, Capt. D. J.	11/4, 11/6
Holmes, Capt.	1/8, 1/10
Johnson, Capt.	14/2
Kelley, Capt.	1/14
Mahaney, Capt.	14/2
McDonald, Capt. George A.	5/9
Murphy, Capt. J. F.	9/8
Murphy, Capt. James	14/2
Patten, Capt. Charles	1/9
Pendleton, Capt. Andrew	1/9
Percy, Capt.	1/7
Perkins, Capt.	8/7
Pickering, Capt.	5/2
Piedo, Lt. (Master)	8/7
Schley, Capt.	7/5
Scholfield, Capt.	7/26
Sherman, Capt.	14/1
Skewes, Capt.	1/11
Small, Capt.	8/5
Sorenson, Capt. A. O.	1/10
St. Clair, Capt. H. A.	1/11
Starkey, Capt. J. H.	8/7; 8/9

APPENDIX C Continued

NAME	BOX/FOLDER NUMBERS	
Taylor, Capt.	7/4	
Tukey, Capt. F. E.	8/5	
Wallace, Capt.	1/6	
Watts, Capt. Ed	14/2	
Whittier, Capt. Albert J.	1/10, 2/20	
Other names of possible Reference to 7M Steel S		1/9
Buffum, Charles of. A. C.	& C. Buffum, Orono, ME	13/11
Steeves, Gilbert M.		13/7
Pendexter, Hugh (Maine author)		
Percy & Small yard		11/9